

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method for activating speech recognition in a terminal, comprising the steps of:

- (a) detecting an event at the terminal;
- (b) performing a first command in response to the event of step (a);
- (c) automatically activating speech recognition at the terminal in response to said step (a);
- (d) determining whether a second command is received by one of the speech recognition and a primary input of the terminal during a speech recognition time period commenced upon a completion of said step (b);
- (e) deactivating the speech recognition at the terminal if it is determined that the second command is not received by the one of the speech recognition and a primary input of the terminal in said step (d) during the speech recognition time period;
- (f) determining whether the second command is received by the primary input after step (e); and
- (g) performing the second command received in one of said steps (d) and (f).

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprises detecting a use of a primary input of the terminal.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (c) further comprises determining a context in which speech recognition is activated and determining a word set of applicable commands in that context.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the word set determined in said step (c) comprises a default word set comprising commands that are applicable in all contexts.

5. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said step (c) further comprises displaying at least a portion of the applicable commands of the word set.

6. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said step (c) further comprises audibly outputting the applicable commands of the word set.

7. (currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein said step ~~(f)~~ (g) further comprises verifying that the second command received via speech recognition is correct.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (c) further comprises displaying at least a portion of the applicable commands of the word set.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (c) further comprises audibly outputting the applicable commands of the word set.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (d) further comprises receiving at least one second command via speech recognition during the speech recognition time period and saving said at least one second command in a command buffer.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said step (g) comprises performing each command of said at least one second command in said command buffer.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of repeating said steps (c)-(g) in response to the command last performed in said step (g).

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of repeating said steps (c)-(g) for the command last performed in said step (g).

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of repeating said steps (c)-(g) in response to the last command performed by said step (g) if it is determined that the last command performed in said step (g) is an input defined to activate speech recognition.

15. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of determining whether the first command input in said step (a) is a command defined to activate speech recognition and wherein said steps (b) - (d) are performed only if it is determined that the first command performed in said step (a) is an action defined to activate speech recognition.

16. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprises pressing a button.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprises pressing a button on a mobile phone.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprises pressing a button on a personal digital assistant.

19. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the terminal is a wearable computer with a context-aware application and said step (a) comprises receiving information from the environment of the wearable computer.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein the information is that an object in the environment has been selected.

21. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein the second command is an open command for accessing information about the selected object.

22. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises receiving a notification from an external source.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the notification is one of a phone call and a short message service message.

24. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprises connecting to one of a local access point and a local area network via short range radio technology.

25. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprises receiving information at the terminal from the computer environment of the terminal.

26. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein said step (a) comprises connecting to a site on the internet.

27. (currently amended) A terminal capable of speech recognition, comprising:

a central processing unit;

a memory unit connected to said central processing unit;

a primary input connected to said central processing unit for receiving inputted commands;

a secondary input connected to said central processing unit for receiving audible commands;

a speech recognition algorithm connected to said central processing unit for executing speech recognition; and

a primary control circuit connected to said central processing unit for
processing said inputted and audible commands, and
activating speech recognition in response to an event for a speech
recognition time period, and
deactivating speech recognition after the speech recognition time period
has elapsed.

28. (previously presented) The terminal of claim 27, wherein said event
comprises a use of a primary input of the terminal.

29. (original) The terminal of claim 27, further comprising a word set database
connected to said central processing unit and a secondary control circuit connected to said central
processing unit for determining a context in which the speech recognition is activated and
determining a word set of applicable commands in said context from said word set database.

30. (original) The terminal of claim 29, further comprising a display for
displaying at least a portion of said word set.

31. (original) The terminal of claim 27, wherein said primary input comprises
buttons.

32. (original) The terminal of claim 31, wherein said terminal comprises a
mobile phone.

33. (original) The terminal of claim 31, wherein said terminal comprises a personal digital assistant.

34. (previously presented) The terminal of claim 27, wherein said terminal comprises a wearable computer with a context-aware application.

35. (original) The terminal of claim 34, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to a selection of an object in an environment of said wearable computer.

36. (currently amended) The terminal of claim 27, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to receiving notification of one of a phone call and a short message service message at said terminal.

37. (previously presented) The terminal of claim 27, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to connecting said terminal to one of a local access point and a local area network via short range radio technology.

38. (previously presented) The terminal of claim 27, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to receiving information at said terminal from a computer environment of said terminal.

39. (previously presented) The terminal of claim 38, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to connecting said terminal to a site on the internet.

40. (original) A system for activating speech recognition in a terminal, comprising:

a central processing unit;

a memory unit connected to said processing unit;

a primary input connected to said central processing unit for receiving inputted commands;

a secondary input connected to said central processing unit for receiving audible commands;

a speech recognition algorithm connected to said central processing unit for executing speech recognition; and

software means operative on the processor for

maintaining in said memory unit a database identifying at least one context related word set,

scanning for an event at the terminal,

performing a first command in response to the event,

activating speech recognition by executing said speech recognition algorithm for a speech recognition time period in response to detecting said event at said terminal,

deactivating speech recognition after the speech recognition time period has elapsed, and

performing a second command received during said speech recognition time.

41. (previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said event comprises a use of a primary input of the terminal.

42. (previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to a selection of an object in an environment of a wearable computer with a context-aware application.

43. (currently amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to receiving notification of one of a phone call and a short message service message at said terminal.

44. (previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to

connecting said terminal to one of a local access point and a local area network via short range radio technology.

45. (previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to receiving information at said terminal from a computer environment of said terminal.

46. (previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said means for activating speech recognition comprises means for activating speech recognition in response to connecting said terminal to a site on the internet.

47. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprises detecting one of receipt of information at the terminal from the environment of the terminal and notification of an external event.

48. (previously presented) The terminal of claim 27, wherein the event comprises one of receipt of information from the environment of the terminal and notification of an external event.

49. (previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein the event comprises one of receipt of information from the environment of the terminal and notification of an external event.